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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, GE

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY COOPERATION SYSTEM  
FOR US GRAIN EXPORTS

REF: STATE 247169

1. EMBOFF ON NOVEMBER 11 REQUESTED A MEETING WITH SCHMIED, USA DESK OFFICER IN GDR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, TO SOLICIT INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL. CONVERSATION LATER THE SAME DAY PROCEEDED IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE UNTIL EMBOFF NOTED THAT USG WOULD NOT ACT ON REQUEST OF THE US EXPORTER UNTIL THE GDR HAD PROVIDED THE REQUESTED DATA. UPON MENTION OF THIS CONDITION, SCHMIED BECAME INDIGNANT, STATING THAT SUCH "OPPRESSIVE TACTICS SMACKED OF PAST US BEHAVIOR VIS-A-VIS THE GDR (UNSPECIFIED).

2. BEST EFFORTS OF EMBOFF TO CONVINCE SCHMIED THAT US INTENT AIMED SOLELY AT ENSURING EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES APPARENTLY WERE TO NO AVAIL. WHILE ACCEPTING STATEMENT THAT THE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION SYSTEM WAS NOT BEING APPLIED IN A DISCRIMINATORY FASHION, SCHMIED INSISTED ON THE VIEW THAT THIS SYSTEM WAS IN FACT  
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BEING DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST THE GDR. SCHMIED



CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION SOMEWHAT ABRUPTLY,  
STATING THAT HE HAD NOTED OUR POSITION AND OUR  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

3. COMMENT: THE NET RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION  
MAY BE THAT WE WILL NOT GET THE DATA WE WANT.  
SCHMIED'S CONSIDERABLE DISPLEASURE AT OUR  
WITHHOLDING ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE SHIPMENT  
PENDING RECEIPT OF GDR STATISTICS WAS REAL; HIS EXPRESSED  
CONCERN REGARDING THE SYSTEM'S APPLICATION TO THE  
GDR WAS PROBABLY FEIGNED OR AT LEAST EXAGGERATED.  
WE WILL, OF COURSE, IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ANY DATA  
GIVEN US BY THE EAST GERMANS. GROVE

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